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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNIVERSAL LEAF TOBACCO CO.

ECF Case

07 Civ. 08392 (SAS)

-against-

RULE 7.1 STATEMENT

M/V MSC MARA, her tackle, engines, etc; MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY S.A.; and COMPANIA NAVIERA MARA S.A.

Plaintiff,

Defendants.	
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Pursuant to Rule 7.1 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Edward P. Flood, a member of the Bar of this Court and a partner in the firm of Lyons & Flood, LLP, attorneys for Defendants MEDITERRANEAN SHIPPING COMPANY, S.A. and COMPANIA NAVIERA MARA S.A., certifies upon information and belief that said Defendants are not a publicly held corporation in the United States and that there are no corporate parents, subsidiaries, or affiliates of the Defendants which are otherwise publicly held in the United States.

Dated: November 27, 2007 New York, New York

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